SERIAL STORY

=The Isolated Continent

A Romance of the **Future**

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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America had been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had been united under one government with Prudent as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with President Prudent critically ill. His death is hastened by the receipt of a message from Count von Werdenstein of Germany that he has at last succeeded in penetrating the rays. Dying, he warns his daughter Astra that this means a foreign invasion. He tells her to hurry to the Island of Ciryne, but dies before he can tell the location of the place. Astra is nominated for the presidency by the continental party. Napoleon Edison calls on Astra, informs her that he was a pupil of her father's, and promises to help her. He gives her a ring made of a newly discovered substance which, he says, will solve the problem of flying. Chevalier is suspected of being an American. He is selzed at night and carried off in an areoplane. Astra is inaugurated as president. She receives a message from Edison, whose long silence has worried her, that he has been a prisoner for two mouths on the island of Heigoland and has just escaped. He announces that the confederated fleet of Europe has saited for America. He promises to call on her the following night. Countess Rosiny, a spy, becomes a prisoner in hope of securing Napoleon's secret. She falls in love with him. She agrees to join him in an attempt to escape. By the use of fireworks he summons a curious flying machine which resembles a monster eagle, the escapes and sends his message to Astra. Edison calls on Astra as promised. He tells her his plans for defense have been completed, but that he will give fuller details at his workshop on the island of Ciryne in the Pacific. They make the trip in three hours. His plans are based on the peculiarity of the new substance, cirynith, which is lighter

CHAPTER X .- Continued.

The eagle lingered above the right Napoleon could inflict any damage he for their execution

monoplanes glided up from the flagship and turned toward the eagle.

Napoleon must have suspected their intention, for he circled higher and higher up. The bats followed the eagle; each monoplane carried four men, each of whom carried small caliber, mitrelious bombs and other ammunition of war.

Still the eagle went higher and higher, hovering above the north wing where the countess sat. of the long line of war boats. It was far behind. The eagle turned and led smile. the two planes along the line, near the made a dip similar to the swoop of the eagle on its prey that caused the thousands of spectators to believe it was falling, but before it touched the water it darted forward and skimmed the waves, its great wings touching the water occasionally.

Napoleon watched the enemies who were now above him. One had dropped several bombs, but none had touched the swiftly moving aerodromone. A turn of the wheel caused the eagle to make a circle before the Brigitta, then it went higher and higher until it reached the two monoplanes. Before Napoleon knew what they were about the two planes had opened fire; he was so close to them that the bullets fell on his aerodromone like hail. The result was surprising. The deadly missiles rebounded from the sides without leaving a mark on the glittering body.

Napoleon had cleverly led them directly in front of the flagship, so that the scene was enacted before the eyes of the count and his staff. It was marvelous, the greatest play a man's eyes had ever rested upon.

Napoleon turned to face the ascending bat. The count saw him reach up to a lever that he had not used before He hesitated for a moment, but when the first bomb was thrown at him he pulled the lever; a flash followed. Zigzag lines of lightning burst forth and the once armored monoplane was shattered into a thousand bits. Its fate seemed to shatter the nerve of the engineer on the other plane, for he her lips: "God save our country, and turned and faced for the flagship. It shield Napoleon." was too late. Napoleon pulled the lever again and it followed its comrade roto space.

given a terrible example of his ene- great squadron was planned in detail. my's power, still he did not turn back. Craers were flashed to the two boats pearest the eagle to open fire with the Isolation and could see hundreds their heavy guns. Napoleon read the of men-of-war before them, flying the order on his plate and was sad, but flags of almost every European nation. he knew that the only way to save but no sound penetrated the invisible the masses from annihilation was by ray that stretched before them. a painful operation,

His right hand was on the lever, despair. He and all his boats had twenty minutes.

the left on the wheel; as the guns be- been imprisoned between two Z rays low thundered, the bird man was far away, and their shells were wasted. But the next moment brought the avenging answer; lightning after lightning darted toward the two boats, the powder magazines exploded and the dreaded giants were wrecks, sinking. A few minutes later the boats were gone, leaving a mass of floating debris and dead men.

The Count von Werdenstein looked at the scene helplessly. For the first time in his life he realized how puny be was.

He looked for the eagle, but it had disappeared.

Boats were put out at once to rescue those who had not been killed by the explosions; but the experiences of at the wheel. Napoleon and a woman that day had spread terror over the whole fleet and the effect was demoralizing.

The Count von Werdenstein ordered all the commanders to gather at the flagship, for he felt that he had to decide on some action. He paced the bridge of the Brigitta. The navy and army under his command, that he had thought great enough to conquer the whole world, had been defeated by a single man.

When the council of war began the count stood to talk, but before he said a word a message from one of the transport boats was handed him. It read:

"We can see the other boats toward the east, but we cannot communicate with them. They are trying to reach us, but can make no progress. Please send orders."

CHAPTER XI.

Astra and Rositta.

The excitement caused by Napole on's encounter with the enemy was indescribable. The automatic electrostylograph on board the American Eagle had recorded the action of the fleet and had made a copy of the count's answer to America's desires. The attack on the aerodromone was shown and the subsequent destruction of the monoplanes. Napoleon Edison's name was in large print on every board. The Hourly Stylograph said "God bless our deliverer!" The American's comment was "The hero of America." He was compared to Washington, to Lincoln and many other great American patriots. His name was on the lips of every citizen.

No one watched the helioboard with such interest and none prayed for Napoleon's success more sincerely than Astra as she sat in her library with the Countess Rosiny.

Astra's kindness toward the countess had not soothed the pain she suffered. She would have preferred a dungeon of ancient times, where she could rave at her and curse her, but she was a secret service agent, and had early learned the art of concealing her feel- homes. ings.

With passion burning in her heart wing of the first line of dreadnoughts. Astra. Even while she watched the conflict of the American Eagle and chose. He could almost count the the European fleet she was scheming. that this item, in particular, is en- you want for yours. And she's never number of men aboard each vessel. She lived for intrigue. Her soul forced. Werdenstein gave hurried orders, and craved the excitement of battling A few minutes later two armored in the employ of the Count von Wer merce, will give free entrance to all grumbling reluctance he changed his denstein, so she planned as she European products, and also insures coat. thought the count would have demanded.

> Santos Duprel came to report the and to put before Astra suggestions not come personally, so he sent his trusted assistant.

He was admitted to the library

Santos Duprei was a pleasant indiso high now that it appeared only a vidual, having, as most fat men, a ington, the capital of the United Respeck to the naked eye. The planes keen sense of humor. He greeted the publics of America. ascended in a spiral, and they were two beautiful women with a broad

When Rositta retired to the rooms flagship. It descended quickly and that had been assigned her she sat the rulers of all the countries.



The Once Armored Monoplane Was Shattered Into a Thousand Bits.

for a long time motionless, maturing a plan for the benefit of the Count von Werdenstein.

Astra was still at work in the library, completing preparations for the following day's duties as she closed her desk a sigh, a prayer left

The next morning the admiral of the united navies of America received orders to sail with the fleet toward the The count was pale; he had been enemy. Even the formation of the

The gray boats steamed toward the east in a broad line; they arrived at

The Count von Werdenstein was in proceeds to make a fool of him in

for a week. He had held councils of war and the quickest boats and air crafts were sent out to break through the lines of resistance. He was ready to retire to Europe.

The word retreat did not seem shameful as it had

They had not seen the eagle during this time, but the arrival of the obso lete men-of-war told the count that some preparation had been made by his enemy to end this terrible state of affairs.

The eagle's appearance was report ed early one morning. It came majes tically sliding downward from a grea height, flying the beautiful tricolor flag of liberty. This time Santos was stood behind him.

The bird flew directly to the flagship. Not even the flag of truce was shown. When it reached the Brigitta the eagle dropped down toward the count, who stood on the bridge. His face was pale and careworn, and his

eyes spoke of many sleepless nights. "Brigitta, ahoy!" shouted Napoleon through the speaking tube. "A message for the commander." He dropped a large sealed letter at the count's feet. The eagle then turned and disappeared in the clouds toward the west

Thought and care had been put into the message. It was a great doce ment in itself, but its greatest beauty was in its expression of brotherly love in its magnanimity in extending mercy to the enemy.

Rositta was present when that doe ument was read finally. She was one of the last to touch it before it was carefully wrapped in the silk covers; It was she who placed the great seal on the imposing envelope.

The count took the message and retired into his cabin, where achody dared disturb him. He cut the curelope, unfolded the silk wrapping and began to read. It was a long, concise resume of the present state of affairs; the chancellor was touched by the kindness of his enemies. Notwithstanding the degrading detest, he though Helen was fast convalescing knew now that the loss would not be as great as he feared.

The document decided upon the fol-

lowing: 1. The whole navy of the confeder Earle, the American commander, who Warren would be at home. will see that all men and officers are safely returned to European ports,

erty of the United Republics of Amer time now. Give me the hand mirror, ica, in consideration of which the said the powder and a comb." United Republics of America will pay a sum of money to be decided upon; the doorway Warren frowned his dishowever, not less than one-third of the approval. "You look all right—now lie actual value involved.

3. The European armies shall be inservice shall be returned to ther

4. No other force, save for police and a number of bodyguards for the the matter with it?" she was able to respond gracefully to reigning rulers, shall be allowed to exist in any of the countries. The at those spots! "Dear, it's my fam-United Republics of America will see ily," coaxingly. "I always do what 5. The United Republics of America nice!"

minds. She considered herself still will open its ports to all foreign comfree exportation into Europe for American products. 6. The oriental foes on the eastern

events of the day at the Z ray station, hemisphere will be treated with when a final settlement is agreed upon, but for further defense. Napoleon could until that time the isolation in Pacific waters will be maintained.

7. Peace shall reign over the earth; national differences shall be settled be fore an international committee that will make its headquarters in Wash-

8. Any further points that may arise in the course of events will be decided upon after the final settlement with When the count turned over the last

page a tiny slip of paper fell to the floor. He picked it up and glanced at the words that were written and not typed, as was the rest of the message. It was a writing that he knew well.

"Don't hesitate! Accept the treaty! The future rests in the aerodromone. the secret of which will be delivered to you, sooner or later. I have kept my contract; will talk of my reward when circumstances permit."

This was not signed, but it was not песеввагу.

"And I," murmured the count, after moment, "I never thought of Rositta. What a wonderful, clever woman she is. But what will be her price! What is the difference," sighed the man who had suffered so much the last few days. "The next time we meet it will silk skirt and nightdress," be in the air." He regained his calmness, finished

the paper and refolded it. He placed Rositta's message in his pocketbook. Twenty-four hours were given for consideration. He called his admirals together at four o'clock that afternoon. The council sat until late that night. When the admirals and captains left let water. What's that on the winfor their respective boats they were dow seat? Oh, take that out-put it depressed. The world seemed to have reached the millennium.

One thing they were certain of. That was that they did not know how they would earn a living when released from military duty.

When Napoleon came for the answer, he received the original document signed by the commander in chief and all the commanders of the respective nations of the European confederacy.

When the American Eagle appeared for the first time above the capital its mission was to announce that peace on earth would be established.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Her Work Undone. After a woman has spent twenty years trying to make a man of her son, along comes another woman who

The Married Life of Helen and Warren

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the bell rang. "Wait," Jerking the mir-

Strainingly Helen listened as Dora

Her lace frills becomingly arranged,

she lay back on the "company" linen

pillowcase, surveying the effect in the

hand mirror. There was just time to

thrust the glass under the covers as

The meeting was somewhat awk-

ward. Harriet, drawing the chair near-

er the bed and out of line of the li-

brary vista, expressed her perfunctory

How she has changed, much older

but much better dressed, was running

through Helen's mind as she murmured

her disappointment that Harriet was

not to be in town longer. They would

That she was being subjected to a

similar swift appraisement Helen

knew, but she was fortified by the

consciousness that the lacy gown and

Instead of seeming impressed by the

apartment and by Warren, this West-

ern cousin was disconcertingly asser-

tive. Ignoring Helen's lead, she

promptly directed the conversation in-

"You know Miriam has a little son?"

Miriam was Harriet's younger sister,

who had married a wealthy Omaha

contractor. "A ten-pound boy," proud-

ly, "Born a week ago yesterday,

this week. Tell me about Miriam.'

with feigned interest, for she had nev-

er liked this other cousin. "I know

"And he's simply wild about it?

They've a wonderful place for chil-

dren-one of the most beautiful houses

in Omaha. Yes, Miriam has every-

thing she wants. They keep three

servants and two cars-it's an ideal

"It must'be," murmured Helen, not

relishing this line of conversation.

"We're thinking of taking a trip West

this year, if we don't go abroad. But

Warren has business in London-if we

"Harvey's crossed so many times,

Here Dora appeared and Helen gave

the signal for tea, while Harriet

launched into a further recital of the

comforts and luxuries of Mirlam's

With the arrival of tea, Helen, hop-

ing to switch the conversation, adroit-

ly called attention to the Sheffield tea

service she had brought from England.

But this gave an opening for an en-

thusiastic account of all the silver

Warren, always caustically taciture

when anyone began to "blow," drank

his ten in stolid silence. But under

this continuous laudation of Mirigm's

"Wouldn't you like to see the apart-

ment? We've some interesting old

things we brought from London." She

fairly dragged it in. "Dear, do show

"Oh, yes, I love English furniture.

Flinging Helea a black scowl, War-

ren, with evident reluctance, led the

way into the front room. But from

their murmurous voices Helen knew

that it was Harriet who did all the

talking. An occasional comment drift-

has one almost exactly that pattern,

rugs. . . . Her rooms are so large-

but you can't get much space in New

When Harriet came back to the bed-

room, it was without a single compli-

mentary remark about the apartment.

want to tire you. But I've enjoyed see-

ing you both so much. Now, if you do

make that trip West, you must stop at

Omaha and spend a few days with Mir-

As Warren saw her to the door,

Helen could hear her still exclaiming

over how much they would enjoy the

"Well, that's the time you got

yours," with an amused grin, as he

came back and slouched into the chair

by the bed. "The stage setting stunt

"Oh, dear, she's changed! She didn't

"Seems to run in your family," with

"Yes, and she beat you to it! Didn't

give you a look-in. Everything set for

a star performance—but she neatly

side-staged you and crabbed the spot-

a chuckle. "Didn't have much of her

own to toot about-so she rung in Mir-

"Runs in the family?" flushing.

didn't make much of a dent."

used to be like that!"

iam. They'll entertain you royally."

"I musn't stay any longer-I don't

. . Yes, she has some very wonderful

"That's a Bokhara, isn't it? Miriam

and he's so anxious to take Miriam,

"No, I haven't heard from mother

Didn't Aunt Elizabeth write you?"

to her own channels.

she's glad it's a boy."

can possibly get over-"

but now with the baby-"

when they were married.

Harriet through."

tiques."

ed in.

York."

trip to Omaha.

home."

boudoir cap were most becoming.

so like to have her to dinner.

Warren flung open the door.

regrets at finding Helen Ill.

HELEN'S EFFORT TO IMPRESS HER WESTERN COUSIN AROUSES WARREN'S RIDICULE

"STRAIGHTEN | forget to-Oh, there she is now!" as

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bottles!



ror from under the pillow for a final Don't leave that cotton out," inpriming. "Close that door! Don't let structed Helen, her come in here first!" sitting propped up in bed. "Did ushered in the caller. She could not catch the words, only the deep mumyou fix the bathroom-she might ble of Warren's greeting. go in there." "Yes, ma'am, it's all straight,"

reassured Dora. "Do you want this here chair by the bed?"

those

"Draw it farther that way-so she can get a good view of the library. How are things in there?" Leaning over. Helen tried to see into the adjoining room. "Did you straighten the magazines? And, oh, raise that front window-that glass looks dirty in the sun."

"Will I throw out them flowers? They're pretty faded."

"Pick out a few of the best for that small vase. But don't take time for that now-fix me up first. Get that crepe de chine gown-the one I've never worn-and the boudoir cap with the rosebuds,"

"You oughtn't to stir around too much, ma'am," cautioned Dora, for she was not yet allowed to sit up.

It was most unfortunate that Cousin Harriet, whom she had not seen for years, should come to New York at this time. Since they could not have ate European mights shall be deliv- her to dinner, Helen had invited her ered into the hands of Admiral John to tea this Sunday afternoon, when

"Oh, this should've been pressed," as Dora helped her on with the sheer, 2. The war vessels shall be the prop berribboned gown. "But there's no

"What're you trying to do?" From down and keep quiet."

"No, I want it here," slipping the mediately disarmed and the men p glass under the pillow as he tried to take it from her. "Oh, you're not gohing to wear that old housecoat?" "Why not?" belligerently. "What's

> "The binding's all worn, and look seen you-oh, I do want you to look

"Anything to keep peace," as with

"Now look around and see if everything's all right. I wouldn't ask | home. you if I could only get up. See if she's dusted the sideboard and fixed the silver-Dora makes things look so get."

"Looks all right to me," after a brief inspection. "Now don't you worry-the place looks fine."

"You'll have to take her through. She'll want to see the apartmentshe'll talk about it for months after she gets home. Don't forget to show her the dining-room chairs. I wrote Aunt Emma about those when we possessions, Helen grew more and brought them from London. And be more restive. sure to show her-"

"Now, look here, I'll be hanged if I'll put over any of your 'We got this abroad' stuff. You'll have to do your own blowing," escaping to the library with a disgusted snort.

"That's the best I could do with Mirlam has several very fine old 'em, ma'am." Dora brought in the re- pieces. They're both keen about anarranged flowers.

"Oh, they're all right." Then, eagerly. "Get my pink satin slippers and that chiffon negligee from the top high-

boy drawer." "You're not going to get up, ma'am," anxiously.

"No-no," impatiently. "Now put the slippers under the bed. No, not way under-I want them to show. Lay the negligee on that chair. Now, in the same drawer you'll find a white

"Oh, ain't them lovely!" from Dora as she brought in the dainty garments. "Throw them over the foot of the bed-no, more careless." Then humorously, "I hope she'll be impressed with my lingerie. If she could see that old kimono I wear around every day!

"Sprinkle around a little of that tolin my room. No, leave the smelling salts-they'll look well here by the bed." Then, noticing Pussy Purr-Mew, who was observing with interest this flutter of preparation, "Oh, she needs fresh ribbon."

"Yes, ma'am, I'll get one right

"Now, Dora, when she comes, show ber into the library. I want her to meet Mr. Curtis before she comes in here. Keep the door of my room closed-that's one place I don't want her to see. Now how about the tea? Is the tray set?"

"Yes, ma'am, it's all fixed. I just got to make the toast. What time must I bring it in?"

"Wait till she's been here about half an hour. Come to the door, and I'll nod if we're ready. Don't slice the light. Ha-ha!" it was an appreciafruit cake-cut it in strips. And don't | tree laugh-"that was ripping!"

Woman Saved From a Serious Surgical Operation.

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POISON GAS FOR HIGHWAYMEN

Army Man Invents Device Designed to Prevent Robbers From Entering Railway Car.

It would be a sad gang of robberswho tried to break into the railway car invented by George W. Meyers of the United States army and described in the Popular Science Monthly. They would be greeted with clouds of poisonous gas fumes.

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> The Essential Spirit. "Can you recite the Declaration of Independence?"

penetrate the car.

"No," replied the man in khak!, "All I can remember is, 'When in the course of human events it becomes necessary." And I expect soon to land somewhere in France to ascertain what's necessary and then attend to it."-Washington Evening Star.

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